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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP PUBLICATIONS
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)	Group Art Unit: 1638
Application No.: 10/733,407)	
)	Examiner: BRENDAN O. BAGGOT
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For: METHODS AND MEANS FOR)	
MODULATING CELLULOSE)	
BIOSYNTHESIS IN FIBER PRODUCING)	

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(C)

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Sir:

Applicants hereby Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(c) for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim of priority in the above-identified application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to Provisional Application No. 60/432,674. An Application Data Sheet is submitted herewith.

The captioned application was filed on December 12, 2003. Priority was claimed to Provisional Application No. 60/432,674 in that the transmittal document identified the application as a C.I.P. of Application No. 60/432,674 and in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on August 16, 2004.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on August 16, 2004 in which priority was claimed by Applicant to Provisional Application No. 60/432,674. The claim to priority was noted by the Office on the Official Filing Receipt mailed August 11, 2004.

The reference to the prior application required by 37 C.F.R. § 178(b)(3) was unintentionally omitted and no application data sheet appears to have been filed within the time period of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(b)(4). This omission was unintentional.

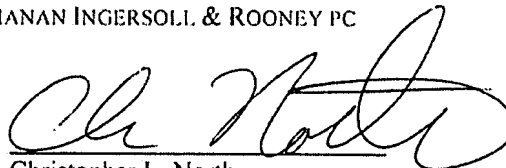
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Methods and Means for Modulating Cellulose Biosynthesis in Fiber Producing Plants

the specification of which (check only one item below):

- ☐ is attached hereto, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
- ☒ was filed as United States application number 10/733,407 on 12/12/2003
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§119 (a)-(d), 172 or 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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